

## CREATION OF FC4

The Commission for Children and Families (Commission) has continued to focus on the creation of an integrated seamless service delivery system that improves outcomes for the children and families who have contact with County departments. In an effort to promote understanding of this system, the Commission created the *Family+Community+County Continuum of Care (FC4): A Partnership to Support Families and Children\**. FC4 is envisioned as a continuum: A circular service delivery system in which the individual or the family can enter at any point with an array of services (public or private, formal or informal) that will move the family to self-sufficiency and the child or youth to a safe, permanent home that is nurturing and has limited or no reliance on government services.

The impetus for the FC4 arose from the desire to integrate the Board approved recommendations of the four workgroups co-chaired by the Department of Children and Families (DCFS) and the Commission - Prevention, Family Reunification, Permanency and Relative Care Permanency: [www.lachildrenscommission.org/reports](http://www.lachildrenscommission.org/reports). FC4 is based on the following four principles:

1. Family Focused - Strength Based
2. Community Based Service Delivery
3. Coordinated and Integrated Service Support System
4. Performance Based Outcomes and Evaluation

The Commission firmly believes that should the County develop a coordinated and seamless service delivery system based on the four FC4 principles, families would be better able to achieve self-sufficiency, communities would grow stronger and the utilization of County services would diminish. FC4 is depicted in the following graphic.